Introduced by Assembly Member Diaz

February 18, 2003

An act to amend Section 8154 of the Education Code, relating to apprenticeship education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 546, as introduced, Diaz. Apprenticeship education.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, to annually review the amount of state funding necessary to provide reimbursement for apprenticeship programs. If the amount appropriated for this purpose is in excess of the amounts needed for full reimbursement, existing law provides for the allocation of the excess to school districts and community college districts to be used for the purpose of the state general apportionment from Sections A and B of the State School Fund.

This bill would instead require the excess amounts to be allocated for related purposes in a specified priority.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8154 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 8154. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the
- 4 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation

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with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, shall annually review the amount of state funding necessary to provide the reimbursements specified in Sections Section 8152 and 8153, and shall include an estimate of required funds in their budgets for each fiscal year.

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(b) If the amounts appropriated in any fiscal year are insufficient to provide full reimbursement, the hourly rate specified in Section 8153 the annual Budget Act shall be reduced on a pro rata basis so that the entire appropriation is allocated. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges may mutually agree to the transfer of moneys from one section of the State School Fund to the other in an amount necessary to provide for full reimbursement, or equal funding on a pro rata basis, of the rate specified in Section 8153 the annual Budget Act for school districts and community college districts. The amount upon which the superintendent and chancellor agree is reappropriated from the appropriate section of the State School Fund to the other section of the State School Fund for the purpose specified in the agreement.

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- (c) If the amount appropriated is in excess of the amounts needed for full reimbursement, any excess shall be allocated to school *districts* and community college districts to in the following order of priority:
- (1) The amount necessary to provide full reimbursement to a school or community college district for any prior fiscal year in which the hourly rate was reduced on a pro rata basis pursuant to subdivision (b). A request for reimbursement for this amount made after December 31, 2006, shall be made within three fiscal years of the fiscal year in which the hourly rate was reduced.
- (2) The amount necessary to provide reimbursement to any school or community college district for any hours of valid teaching time reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in a prior fiscal year that was not paid. A request for reimbursement for this amount made after December 31, 2006, shall be made within three fiscal years of the fiscal year in which the unreimbursed teaching

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time was reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

- (3) Money shall be transferred between Sections A and B of the State School Fund in an amount sufficient to provide reimbursement to any school or community college district for any prior fiscal year in which either the hourly rate was reduced on a pro rata basis or hours of valid teaching time reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges were not reimbursed. A request made after December 31, 2006, for the transfer of moneys pursuant to this paragraph shall be made within three fiscal years of the fiscal year in which either the hourly rate was reduced or the unreimbursed teaching time was reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
- (4) Any remaining amount shall be used for the purpose of the state general apportionment from Sections A and B of the State School Fund.